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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

5 April, 1960

2. LOCATION

Argentina

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local 2157

GMT 60/0157Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes

☒ No

6. SOURCE

Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

Not Given

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

One

9. COURSE

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10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Large orange object falling in southern sky moving slower than a meteor and of a color that was diffenent. Sighted by the President of the Bahia Blanca Astronomical Center. The witness believed that the sighting was nine chances in ten a Satellite Decay.

11. COMMENTS

Sputnik III decay this date. Possible that this is the report. In view of the observers qualifications a meteor sighting would be ruled out.

12. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☒ Other Sputnik Decay
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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A-2511. REFERENCE YOUR NSSCC 4-65-5. ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTED [redacted] STATED QUOTE LARGE ORANGE OBJECT FELL TUESDAY 5 APRIL AT 2157 LOCAL TIME TOWARDS SOUTHWEST FALLING IN SOUTHERN ARGENTINA, PASSING BETWEEN STARS K AND E OF CONSTELLATION ERIDENO. IT WAS SLOWER THAN METEOR AND DIFFERENT IN COLOR. ON READING NEWSPAPER THE FOLLOWING MORNING FELT CHANCES WERE NINE OUT OF TEN THIS WAS SPUTNIK III UNQUOTE THERE ARE NO OTHER CORROBORATING REPORTS. UNQUOTE

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